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## TSUI KWO YIN'S LOGIC

China's Minister to Washington Talks About the Restriction Law.

### HE ONLY WANTS JUSTICE

Claims That His People are Treated Unfairly—How American Interests in China May Be Affected.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Tsui Kwo Yin, the Chinese minister, has prepared a letter to the secretary of state, urging an early response to the various communications that the Chinese government has sent to this government with reference to the restriction on Chinese immigration.

The *Star* tonight prints an interview with the minister, in which he says: "For several years I have been endeavoring to secure better treatment for my people at the hands of the United States. If the United States wishes to put a stop to the Chinese immigration, it should be done by means of a treaty with my country. For the United States to agree to a treaty providing for admission of Chinese, and then override it by an act of congress, is hardly acting in good faith. By your constitution you encourage immigration and insure fair treatment of all alike, and yet your treatment of the Chinese is inconsistent with the constitution and principles laid down by George Washington."

The reporter asked if the United States puts further restrictions on Chinese immigration would China exclude Americans from her territory. The answer was a long time coming, and was a diplomatic one. "It seems to me," said the minister, "that Americans should consider the situation and withdraw from China of their own free will. I answer your question by asking you one: Let us suppose the United States minister in London should say to the Chinese minister, 'You keep away from the American legation house, I don't want you here; do you think the Chinese minister would visit the American legation any more? And do you think the American legation would expect a welcome at the Chinese legation? You may draw your own inference. The American people are talking a great deal about reciprocity just now; they should remember reciprocity works two ways.'"

### NO FAVORS ASKED.

Uncle Sam Determined to Hold His Rights in the Behring Sea.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The nature of the reply of Lord Salisbury to the last note from the state department relative to a renewal of the *modus vivendi* for the conduct of the seal fisheries of the Behring sea, is known to nobody in Washington except the president, the British minister and very few officials of the department of state. Even republican members of the senate committee on foreign relations and the house committee on foreign affairs, who are usually informed promptly of any new phase in negotiations, are in ignorance of the contents.

The conclusion drawn by some from this omission on the part of the administration to inform them upon this subject, is to note it as inconclusive to the main point of the controversy; namely, the extent of protection to be afforded seal life in Behring sea. The belief is if Salisbury had acceded to the request of the president for a renewal of the *modus vivendi*, the fact would have been communicated to the senate. The belief of senators is that he made the note a vehicle for the extension of his argument of a 20-mile limit of protected area, proposed by him amply sufficient to meet all necessity of the case. One senator declared emphatically that "it is only a play for time on the part of the British government." His theory is, the government will ultimately consent to a renewal of the *modus vivendi*, but will delay action so long that the agreement will be made ineffective through the departure for the seal grounds of large numbers of Canadian sealing vessels.

This view finds many adherents among senators, and can be asserted safely that if this policy should become clearly defined the senate will be a unit in supporting the administration in this most energetic effort to enforce the laws on the statute books relative to the protection of the rights of the United States in the Behring sea.

It is said at the navy department that no orders have been issued looking to the dispatch of a naval fleet to Behring sea this season and that no action of that kind will be taken until the policy of this government shall have been clearly defined or until the department shall have been informed what revenue vessels were to be used in patrolling the semi-official statement, it is said that the department is preparing vessels for service in the event they shall be needed. These are the Adams and Ranger, now being fitted out at Mare Island, California. Both will enter into a commission in a short time. Other vessels that can be utilized in case it is deemed advisable to strengthen the fleet are the Mohave, now at Seattle, the Baltimore, at San Francisco, the Charleston, at San Diego, Boston and Yorktown, en route for San Francisco. These, or a portion of them, with four revenue vessels, the Bear, Rush, Cowan and Albarron, would constitute quite a formidable fleet.

It is impossible to obtain any official information concerning the note received from Lord Salisbury yesterday on the Behring sea question. One rumor that has many believers, is that Lord Salisbury has answered the president's note insisting on the necessity of a *modus vivendi* with a counter-proposition that in case one is agreed upon, the United States will agree to indemnify Canadian vessel owners for losses incurred thereby. The United States has already rejected a proposition of this kind.

General Foster, representing the state department in this matter, had two interviews with the president on the subject today, and the impression is general that they considered the character of the reply to be made to Salisbury. It is pretty well established that the president is not disposed to recede from the position already assumed in regard to the preservation of the seal herd, and will take steps to secure that end with or without the consideration of the British government.

Another report in circulation to-night is to the effect that the communication was merely a short dispatch stating that the reply proper to Acting Secretary Wharton's note of the 8th inst. is being prepared and nearly ready, and will be addressed to the secretary of state.

According to the same report, the communication further says in effect that the British government will not interfere with the policing of Behring sea by United States vessels pending negotiations for settlement of the questions at issue by arbitration, though it may hereafter ask for damages in behalf of such Canadian sealers as may suffer by seizure or interference by American vessels.

### RIVERS AND HARBORS.

Appropriations Recommended for Many of the Needed Improvements.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The house committee on rivers and harbors today completed consideration of the river and harbor appropriation bill. It appropriates \$29,700,000, nearly \$4,000,000 less than the amount of the bill which became a law last congress. The greatest feature of the measure is the extent to which the committee enlarges the policy adopted in the last congress, by placing some of the most important projects under a system by means of which work can be undertaken with the amount appropriated for the year covered by the bill, and contracts entered into for completion of the work and of its continuance without serious interruptions, as has sometimes happened when a continuance was entirely dependent on the river and harbor appropriations of each congress. This year the committee authorizes additional contracts entered into, aggregating \$32,151,000. Of this amount the Mississippi river gets \$16,000,000; the great lakes, \$3,340,000; the Columbia river, Oregon, \$1,700,000; the Hudson river, \$2,446,000, and the remainder to some Atlantic coast cities. Of the Mississippi river appropriation, \$700,000 is to be expended from the mouth of the Ohio to the mouth of the Missouri, and \$800,000 from the mouth of the Missouri to St. Paul. The remainder is for the river south of the Ohio.

In the great lakes project, \$400,000 is appropriated for a ship channel 21 feet deep and 300 feet wide, in the shallows of the connecting waters between the great lakes. In the case of the several improvements put under the contract system, the bill provides that the secretary of war may enter into contracts to complete the present projects, improvements to be paid for as appropriations may be made, the aggregate cost not to exceed the cost heretofore named as the limit of cost for the completion of improvements.

For these projects there is directly appropriated in the bill several amounts. The Columbia river at the Cascade gets \$435,000. Among the appropriations in the bill are the following: California—Humboldt harbor and bay, \$200,000; Oakland, \$150,000; Wilmington, \$20,000; San Diego, \$50,000; San Luis Obispo, \$30,000.

Oregon—Coos bay, \$210,000; Yaquina bay, \$75,000; Tillamook bay, \$15,000. Washington—Gray's harbor, Chehalis river, \$30,000; Olympia harbor, \$25,000.

Rivers: California—Sacramento and Feather, \$160,000; San Joaquin, \$50,000; Petaluma creek, \$10,000. Oregon—Columbia and the Cascades, \$435,000; Lower Willamette and Columbia below Portland, \$50,000; Willamette above Portland, \$30,000; Coquille, \$25,000; south of Sinaloa, \$10,000.

Idaho—Snake to Seven Devils mining district, \$20,000.

Washington—Skagit, Steilacoomish, Nooksack, Snohomish and Snoqualmie rivers, \$10,000; Swinomish slough, \$15,000.

### TWAS BAD MEDICINE.

Hill's Attempt to Bulldoze O'Ferrall—That Speech on Silver.

Special to the Standard.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Hill is trying to induce O'Ferrall to join with him in making a statement that the row in the elections committee over the Rockwell-Noyes case has been overstated. Hill feels that his attempt to bulldoze O'Ferrall was bad medicine, but he will find that O'Ferrall does not spell his name with an apostrophe for nothing. He cannot be scared.

There is a story here that Hill took a silver speech south with him and showed it to silver men on the fly, getting their advice against delivering it. This suits him both ways. He gets the credit of being a silver man without being for silver.

### FAVORS THE BILL.

Prospects Bright for a Railway Through the Yellowstone Park.

Special to the Standard.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The public lands committee of the house today, by a vote of 6 to 3, decided to report the Montana Mineral railway bill, granting that company a right of way through the Yellowstone park. This was a surprise. It was thought that there would be no chance for the bill unless the boundary of the park was altered.

### READY FOR THE FRAY.

Bland Determined that His Silver Bill Shall Receive Attention.

Special to the Standard.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Tomorrow, after the morning hour, the silver bill will be before the house, and it will stay there three days, unless Mr. Bland, learning the disposition of its opponents, finds that he must push them to the wall at once. If necessary, he may go to the committee on rules for a new rule to stop filibustering.

### A Mountain in Washington.

Special to the Standard.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—T. E. Collins of Great Falls, Mont., was a spectator in the house gallery this afternoon, under the protection of Mr. Dixon and Major Maginnis.

### Cheered the Queen.

HYERES, March 21.—Queen Victoria and party arrived today. Their route to the hotel was decorated with arches of flowers and filled with a cheering multitude.

### Coldest of the Winter.

LOCKHAVEN, Pa., March 21.—Last night was one of the coldest of the winter in this section, the mercury ranging from zero here to five below at Bellefonte.

### UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES.

Late News From the Republics of South America.

PANAMA, March 21.—The national mail boat, Angel Jose, was lost in a gale recently off Bahia and all on board perished.

Late advices from Callao state that the governor of Jayanca was recently the victim of the personal animosity of a hot-blooded youth of that city, who stabbed him fatally in revenge for the arrest of an uncle of the murderer.

The Indian uprising in Bolivia is assuming formidable proportions. The Gran Choco Indians are now joining their Bolivian brethren, as are also those from the Brazilian frontier.

The political situation is by no means quiet. The *Equino* states several army officers held a meeting recently with a view of urging the president to proclaim himself dictator. They determined that in case of the president's refusal, to overthrow him. Dr. Ramirez consented to withdraw his resignation, provided two commanders in the army be dismissed. The president acquiesced. It is rumored that the president will close the chambers. This is supposed to mean that the London negotiations for the establishment of an Uruguayan bank has fallen through.

The distinguished Colombian general, Don Isaac Echeverri, died recently in Chinandega.

A ministerial crisis has resulted in the withdrawal of Senor Bengoechea from the cabinet, and a complete reorganization was made as follows: Foreign affairs, Bravo; home affairs, Rizo; finance, Marcano; education and public works, Medina; war, Duarte.

From Tegucigalpa comes the announcement that General Ciera, chief of the liberal revolutionary party, has committed suicide.

### DE YOUNG MAKES HIS POINT.

Enlargement of the Allotment for the California Building at the Fair.

CHICAGO, March 21.—Commissioner De Young of California had a long interview with Director General Davis today about the cutting down of the space allotted to the California state building. He afterwards interviewed Chief of Construction Burnham. Mr. De Young insisted that as California had this amount of space given her, she would not consent to have any taken away, especially when they want 33,000 feet. Burnham said it was a great advantage to have the intramural road back of the building with a station there. De Young admitted the advantage of the station, but wanted the space. An agreement was finally made to move one of the states off the plot and add it to California. Nothing definite is to be done until Mr. De Young returns from New York, except to draw a map showing the plot after adding the new addition to California's allotment.

### AT THE HANDS OF NATIVES.

Sad Fate of Members of the British Expedition to Timbo.

LONDON, March 21.—In the house of lords today, Lord Knutsford, secretary of state for the colonies, admitted the accuracy of the report from Freetown, Sierra Leone, that the British expedition to Timbo, in Senegambia, met with a severe repulse at the hands of natives and that Captain Robinson and a private were killed and all officers of the expedition and 13 of the men wounded. Lord Knutsford added that instructions had been sent to the governor of Sierra Leone to send 800 men of the West India regiment stationed at Freetown, in renewing the attack on Timbo.

### WITH GREAT POMP.

Presentation of a British Ambassador to the President of France.

PARIS, March 21.—Lord Dufferin, the new British ambassador, presented his credentials to President Carnot this afternoon. The ceremony was conducted with great pomp. A squadron of cuirassiers escorted Lord Dufferin from the embassy to the court yard of the palace of Elisee, the president's official residence. In the court yard were massed detachments of infantry, and as the British ambassador drove into the square drums were beaten and bugles sounded. This greeting was followed by the band playing "God Save the Queen."

### THE CRISIS IN BERLIN.

Rumors About the Resignation of Chancellor Von Caprivi.

BERLIN, March 21.—Inquiries in the official quarter late to-night as to the rumor that Caprivi had resigned, elicited a response that newspapers indulging in such a surmise had not the slightest support of any well informed authority. Nothing definite is known regarding the ministry, except that the emperor has accepted the resignation of Count Von Zedlitz. The *Kreuz Zeitung* says: "Caprivi's long retention in office is impossible. Once the crisis is over, he must resign, as he has lost the confidence of parliament."

### TIRED OF LIFE.

A Minister and a Noted Composer Commit Suicide.

LONDON, March 21.—Rev. Henry Powell of Baywater committed suicide last night at the Padbury vicarage near Bockingham. No reason is known for the act.

### Jumped Before a Train.

LONDON, March 21.—Arthur Goring Thomas, the well-known writer of operas, committed suicide today by throwing himself before a train on the Metropolitan railway.

### London Grain Market.

LONDON, March 21.—Mark Lane Express: English wheats are stronger. The average advance in London is 9d and in the provinces, 6d. Foreign wheats are exceedingly depressed by continued arrivals. Sales of California have been pressed at 3s 4d; flour, 6d lower; corn, down 5d. The imports of corn since January aggregate 1,671,000 quarters against 1,016,500 quarters the corresponding time last year. Oats, firm; barley, weak.

### Silver Purchases.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Offers of silver to the treasury department today aggregated 921,000 ounces. The amount purchased was 605,000 ounces, at \$9.897 to \$9.894.

## CINCHED THE BOODLERS

Seven of Chicago's Aldermen Indicted by the Grand Jury.

### JUST STARTING THE WORK

More Members of the Outfit Will Be Run Down—Alderman Roth Tells His Story.

CHICAGO, March 21.—After a three days' investigation the grand jury this afternoon returned a true bill against the seven aldermen charged with conspiracy to commit bribery in connection with the various ordinances, which have been the subject of investigation. These indicted are W. J. O'Brien, Daniel R. O'Brien, Nicholas A. Cramer, T. J. Gorman, Philip Jackson, S. M. Gosslyn and John M. Dorman. Two more indictments were found but not returned. Against the first named, W. J. O'Brien, they charged bribery and state that O'Brien gave Alderman Roth \$5,000 to vote for the Northern Pacific ordinance and \$750 to vote for the Economic gas ordinance.

Among the names of the witnesses signed to the indictments is that of Hannan Larkin. In regard to this appearance of the "woman in the case," State's Attorney Longenecker said: "There are certain houses of ill repute which certain aldermen visited while under the influence of liquor and where they talked too much for their own good."

When asked if more indictments might be looked for, the state's attorney said one day might be expected until the whole outfit is run down. As soon as the indictments were out, Judge Anthony fixed their bail at \$10,000 each. Capases were at once issued and placed in the hands of a deputy sheriff, and this evening all of those indicted, except Alderman Gosslyn, have come in and furnished bonds.

Alderman Roth to-night made public officially, for the first time, the part he has taken in the boodler transactions. He says he had not been long in the council until he found that the ordinances were not always passed upon their merits. At the time of the passage of the Economic gas ordinance over the mayor's veto, it was found by the boodlers that it would be necessary to bring into line some alderman whose vote was originally against it. He (Roth) was spoken to by one of the O'Briens, who said he could receive a consideration for his vote. Knowing that the *Daily News* and other papers had taken a vigorous public stand against boodling, and that they would be friendly to an exposure, and with a further view of bringing the corruptionists to justice, he (Roth) carefully talked over and arrangements were made for receiving the money promised in such a way that the witness could testify to the visit of the man who said it. Roth says \$750 was paid him in his office, and he immediately showed it to the bookkeeper, explaining the nature of the case. Immediately after he took the money to the *Daily News* office, and in the presence of witnesses deposited it in the safe in a sealed envelope. Two weeks later the Northern Pacific ordinance passed the council the second time. Certain aldermen from the south side informed Roth the day after that Billy O'Brien had money, and he was to meet Billy at the Sherman house that afternoon. Roth immediately communicated the fact to the *Daily News* and they had the Sherman house watched. That afternoon O'Brien met Roth in the city hall and handed him an envelope with the word "Roth" written on the outside of it. Roth went over to the office of Baker, the attorney for the *Tribune*, and telephoned for representatives of the other papers. The envelope was opened in their presence and found to contain two five-hundred-dollar bills, which were again sealed up and placed with the other money. Roth says he took no money at any time for any other purpose than with the idea of exposing the corruptionists, and has profited in no way other than the feeling of satisfaction that follows duty well performed. Not one of the indicted aldermen would talk this evening further than to profess ability to prove entire innocence.

In the face of possible imprisonment for a number of them, members of the city council at their regular weekly meeting to-night, exhibited a disposition to be facetious, but the proceedings were rather subdued. One of the members of the council finally introduced an order that the corporation council be instructed to assist the state's attorney in any manner possible in investigating the matter. Alderman O'Neill exclaimed laughingly that "There ought to be honor among thieves," and did not think the council should order anything of the kind. The motion was placed on file.

### Threatened Trouble.

TORONTO, March 21.—The threatened trouble between the Grand Trunk and employees is exciting much interest here. Several trainmen's assemblies yesterday discussed the situation. Delegates were sent back to Montreal with full power to act, but the employees seem strongly in favor of an amicable settlement. The local manager of the company states that should a strike occur, all the shops and freight sheds will immediately close down, throwing thousands of men out of work. He says the company is fully prepared for any emergency.

### Italy's Foreign Policy.

ROME, March 21.—Imbriani attacked the foreign policy of the government in the house of deputies today. He declared that under the present policy, Italy could not obtain indemnities for Italian sufferers by the Chilian war, nor for the families of the victims of the New Orleans massacre.

### A Factional Fight.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 21.—A fight is reported between the Parlan and Turner factions at Pineville, resulting in the probable fatal shooting of Ike Parker of the Turner crowd and the wounding of Alvin Parlan.

### A SHOCKING CASE.

Finding of a Baby at Hasmarek—Its Mother Discovered.

PHILIPSBURG, March 21.—Last Friday morning Mrs. Stortz, a resident of Hasmarek, at her door found a basket and, upon examination, discovered a newly-born baby rolled in cotton batting. The matter was kept very quiet, but some of the ladies of Hasmarek upon hearing of it, and fearing that Mrs. Stortz did not have proper clothes for the little stranger, offered assistance but were promptly informed that it was not needed, and until yesterday the child had no clothing of any kind, and the neighbors say that in their opinion she is not using the child properly by so neglecting and using it so carelessly. Some of the Hasmarek folk informed the authorities and an investigation was started, which resulted in finding the parents of the child, or at least its mother, who was about three months ago married and who with her husband are now living at Kirkville, near the Bi-Metallic mill. For some reason neither the mother or her husband desired that the child should live, and it is said that shortly before the birth of the child the mother requested the physician who had been employed to attend her to perform a criminal operation. Warrants were issued for the arrest of Mrs. Stortz and the man and his wife, but service was delayed for the reason that the husband went after the child and returned it to its mother this afternoon, and being very strong it may yet live if properly cared for, notwithstanding the inhuman treatment it has received since its birth on the 17th, but in case of death it is probable that all parties concerned will be arrested charged with murder.

### GROWING RIOTOUS.

Trouble With the Strikers on the Canadian Pacific Railroad.

WINNIPEG, March 21.—The Canadian Pacific strike has assumed a serious aspect. Conductors and trainmen on the Pacific division from Donald to Vancouver were called out today, and dispatches from Rat Portage tell of serious disturbances there. Several trains were out into sections by strikers at different times today, and officials engaged in trying to move trains experienced much trouble; drawheads were stove in and couplings thrown away, and some of the new trainmen were shot and one brakeman struck with a rock. An official at Rat Portage telegraphed this afternoon that the situation was serious and several of the crews of men now are so scared that they would not dare come out of the cars. Upon receipt of this information, General Superintendent White waited upon the lieutenant governor and asked that a sufficient force of militia be sent to prevent further violence, and that the special force of police sworn in by the company is not adequate.

A detachment of mounted police has been brought from Regina to Brandon and quartered near the Canadian Pacific property. Chief Conductor Clark said today that the Pacific division struck out of sympathy for the strikers of this division. All is reported quiet on the Pacific division to-night.

### CRUSHED HIS SKULL.

A Scuffle at Burke Nearly Cost William Gordon His Life.

Special to the Standard.

WALLACE, Idaho, March 21.—William Gordon of Burke met with an accident yesterday afternoon which may cost him his life. Gordon had been drinking considerably with several friends and became involved in an argument. A scuffle ensued on the Northern Pacific track, Gordon was thrown down and the back of his skull was crushed by falling on one of the rails. The injured man was brought to Wallace and placed in the hospital, where he now lies in a critical condition.

J. C. Sargent has secured a contract to furnish 3,500 telephone poles for the Bell Telephone company at Salt Lake City. The first shipment will be made this week.

### MARRIED HER COUSIN.

Sensational Doings of the Daughter of a California Millionaire.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—The announcement is made today that Anita Baldwin, the only daughter of "Lucky" Baldwin, the well known California millionaire, has eloped with her cousin, George Baldwin. The latter came here five years ago from Crawfordsville, Md., and has since been employed at the Baldwin hotel. As Miss Baldwin is a minor, the couple could not obtain a license, so young Baldwin obtained a tug and they were married out at sea by a minister. A short time ago the father threatened to virtually disinherit his daughter if she married young Baldwin.

### ALMOST UNANIMOUS.

Bonds Voted for a New School House at Wallace, Idaho.

Special to the Standard.

WALLACE, Idaho, March 21.—An election was held in this city today for the purpose of bonding district No. 8 for \$12,000 for the purpose of erecting and furnishing a new and commodious brick school house in Wallace. The proposition was almost unanimously carried, but three dissenting votes being cast. The bonds will be advertised and sold at once. Work will be commenced on the proposed building at an early day and rushed to completion. When completed the building will be the finest in the Coeur d'Alene country and a credit to the district.

### FIVE BURNED TO DEATH.

Children Meet a Horrible Death Near Springfield, Minnesota.

ST. PAUL, March 21.—A special from Sleepy Eye, Minn., says: News of a terrible disaster six miles south of Springfield has reached here. A house took fire late last night and five children were burned to death. The oldest was about 22. The father was fatally burned. The name of the family is Leahy. No particulars are obtainable.

### To Fill a Vacancy.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—At a meeting of the interstate commerce commission, William R. Morrison was elected chairman to fill the vacancy caused by Judge Cooley's resignation.

## BLOWN INTO ETERNITY

Explosion of a Boiler in a Lumber Mill in Michigan.

### SEVEN LOSE THEIR LIVES

Four Men Instantly Killed at the La Clete Brick Works Near St. Louis By a Blow-Up.

CHARLEVILLE, Mich., March 21.—A terrible explosion took place in East Jordan this morning. The big mill of the East Jordan Lumber company was torn to atoms, seven men killed and several others fatally injured by the explosion of a boiler. The mill had been running but 10 minutes when the explosion occurred. The inside of the big building is a complete wreck. The men who were killed outright or died within a few minutes, are: Arbutus Cook, Will Beach, Simon Carney, J. C. Brown, Peter Sheldon, Manney Hunt, A. Christy. Engineer James Carter had gone to breakfast, leaving Fireman John Ringle in charge. Ringle, James Smith, Sandy Reinhardt and Charles Brown all are in a critical condition. It is impossible to say what caused the explosion. Pearson, the only man in the mill who came out unhurt, says it was probably due to low water or too much pressure, but blames no one for the accident.

### ANOTHER BOILER BURSTS.

Four Men Killed at the La Clete Fire Brick Works.

ST. LOUIS, March 21.—The boiler at the works of the La Clete Fire Brick company, in the suburbs of this city, this afternoon exploded, killing Larry Hussey, Reynold Diebake, Joseph Beckley and John Dubucet, and seriously injuring Frank Seeger, Morgan Inman, James Somerfield and John Pellet. Several other men were slightly hurt. The boiler was one of a battery of six and the explosion was caused, it is supposed, by its having run out of water and receiving a sudden influx of cold water.

### THOROUGHGOING SPOILS.

Two Chicago Young Men Steal Thousands of Dollars From Employers.

CHICAGO, March 21.—Lampson Bros., the big board of trade firm, is reported to have lost \$40,000 to \$60,000 through the peculations of Bert Smith and Bob Whitaker, clerks, who bought large amounts of wheat and charged it to the firm, the loss accruing through a fall in price. They are under surveillance.

The two young men, it is said, began by making a phenomenal profit on a big rise in wheat in August last, winning \$32,000 on \$50 of their own money which they had luckily placed. This sum they divided, reserving half for future operations on the board and spending the other half in riotous living. The \$16,000 capital was wholly wiped out in the long decline which set in, and the two daring scoundrels hoping for a turn, resorted to frauds against their employers, into which they were daily obliged to plunge deeper. The deal which finally swamped them was the purchase of 300,000 bushels at 35¢. To-day the market touched 35¢. Smith was cashier and Whitaker had charge of the accounts of the customers of the firm. Both young men enjoyed the full confidence of their employers and were thus enabled with greater facility to use their employers' money to speculate. As one of the clerks of the firm said today, they had been "thoroughgoing sports" since they began operations on their own account with their employers' money, and it was nothing at all for them to change clothes three times a day, donning a stylish suit each time.

### AN IMPORTANT SUIT.

A Case Involving the Validity of the Bonds of a Texas Railway.

HOUSTON, Texas, March 21.—The attorneys for Samuel Sands, executor of the estate of Elizabeth Parrish and Del Parrish of New York, filed suit today against the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio Railway company, the Southern Development company and the directors of these companies, including C. P. Huntington. The petition applies for an injunction to restrain the defendants from transferring any stock or bonds in the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio company or taking any steps to enforce payment of the bonds or stocks or other debts, or the claims against that company. The bill attacks the validity of all bonds and stocks issued on the extension of the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio from San Antonio to El Paso, also attacks the validity of the present directory. Notice of application for a receiver was also served.

### BOWEN'S LITTLE WALLET.

A Colorado Citizen Who Tried to Bluff a Reporter.

CHICAGO, March 21.—Ex-Senator Bowen of Colorado left an undervest containing a wallet with \$15,000 in cash, and papers to the value of twice that sum in the Turkish bath rooms of the Palmer house last evening. A colored attendant, named Watson, found it and handed the valuables to the cashier. When a reporter, who heard the story, called on Bowen, the latter said: "Nonsense; I'm not fool enough to carry that amount of money," and just then clapped his hand to his side and giving a yell rushed to the office. He was overjoyed to receive his property. It is said he left a good-sized bill for Watson before starting for Denver.

### SUGAR TRUST DOINGS.

It is Said that Spreckels is About to Join the Gang.

PHILADELPHIA, March 21.—Secretary Searles of the sugar trust was here today and had a consultation with members of the firms of E. C. Knight Co., and Harrison, Frazier & Co. It is said on behalf of the American Refining company, he has agreed to pay the price asked for the Harrison refinery, \$100,000, and that the offer has been accepted. Although Spreckels will not say he has joined the trust, many things have cropped up that indicate he has nearly decided to surrender. The price paid for the Knights' refinery is said to be a million and a half.